

I am dismayed that Sinclair Broadcasting has decided to force their stations to air the anti-Kerry documentary, "Stolen Honor," days before a national election.

This is in clear violation of the law requiring those who use our public airwaves free of charge to serve the public interest. Federal election law prohibits public corporations and labor unions from airing "electioneering communication" sixty days before an election; what is Sinclair's proposed broadcast of "Stolen Honor" if not "electioneering communication"? How is it possible that Sinclair be prevented from carrying through on this plan?

That Sinclair is requiring local affiliates to air the documentary is another clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. The company's actions demonstrate how necessary it is that we strengthen media ownership rules and the license renewal process. Thank you for your time.